

### REMARKS

Changes made to the specification serve to correct typographical errors or to update cite information.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Date: Mar. 29, 2004

Curtis B. Hamre

Curtis B. Hamre  
Reg. No. 29,165  
CBH:PSTdb

**23552**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE